

REMARKS

The present Amendment is submitted under provisions of 37 CFR 1.312. With this Amendment, claims 38, 39, 41 and 42 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter therein. Claims 37 and 40 remain pending. The changes to the claims are non-substantive in nature and do not add new matter.

It is requested that the present Amendment be entered since the changes to the claims do not alter the scope of the claims, and therefore will not require any additional search or consideration by the Examiner.

Additionally, since the scope of claims 37 and 40 remain unchanged, claims 37 and 40 should be patentable for the original reasons of allowance.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the present Amendment be entered as being directed to matters of form, not affected the scope of the invention. The Examiner is also requested to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone to resolve any issues remaining.

Respectfully submitted,

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